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§1.121 (c)(3) as they would appear following entry of this amendment is attached as Appendix II. An Abstract is also provided herewith at Tab 1.

CLEAN VERSION OF REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPHS IN THE
SPECIFICATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b) AND OF REWRITTEN,
ADDED, AND/OR CANCELLED CLAIMS PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.121
(c)(1)(i)

IN THE TITLE

Please replace the originally filed Title with the following Title:

Gram-Positive Microorganisms with Inactivated Cysteine Protease-1

CLEAN VERSION OF REWRITTEN, ADDED, AND/OR CANCELLED CLAIMS
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(1)(i)

1. (Amended) A gram-positive microorganism having a mutation or deletion of part or all of the gene encoding cysteine protease-1 CP1, wherein said gene encodes the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2, and said mutation or deletion results in the inactivation of the CP1 proteolytic activity.

4. (Amended) The gram-positive microorganism according to Claim 1 that is a member of the genus *Bacillus*.

5. (Amended) The microorganism according to Claim 4, wherein the member is selected from the group consisting of *B. subtilis*, *B. licheniformis*, *B. lentus*, *B. brevis*, *B. stearothermophilus*, *B. alkalophilus*, *B. amyloliquefaciens*, *B. coagulans*, *B. circulans*, *B. lautus*, and *B. thuringiensis*.